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THE DEPOSITION OF Nathaniel St. Andre

Of the Pariſh of

St. *Martins in the Fields*,

CHIRURGEON.

WHO ſays, That on *Saturday* laſt, about Four in the Evening, he received by the *Penny-Poſt* a Letter ſubſcribed *W. Baker*, deſiring the Deponent to meet the Subſcriber at *Nando*'s Coffee-houſe, to conſult him upon a Caſe

where a great deal of Skill was required, or to that Effect: That accordingly he went to the ſaid Coffee-houſe, which is near St. *Dunſtan*'s Church, and at the Door of the ſaid Coffee-houſe met a Man, middle-ſized, having on a light tyed ſhort Wig, a browniſh Coat with cloſe Sleeves, a thin faced middle aged Man, who asked the Deponent if he was not Mr. *St. Andre?* To which the Deponent anſwering, he was, the ſaid Man ſaid, the Deponent only could reſolve him in a Caſe, and it was but hard by, and deſired the Deponent to go along with him. Accordingly they went into a Coach which had brought the Deponent; and the Coachman, by the ſaid Man's Direction, carried them a little below the *Hercules's-Pillars*, where they alighted, and the ſaid Man led the Deponent a little lower; they then turned down on the Right Hand by an Oyl-Shop into a narrow Paſſage into a Street that leads towards the Water-ſide, there they turned to the Left-Hand, and walked in that Street about Two Hundred Steps, and turned on the Left into a Court or Alley, and then on the Right-Hand into another Court; as the Deponent beſt remembers, it being at that Time paſt Seven at Night, and dark. In this laſt mentioned Court, the ſaid Man carried the Deponent to the

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third or fourth Houſe, as he believes, on the Left-Hand; the Houſe had a mean Appearance, the Stair-Caſe was very ſtrait, and reached near to the Door of the Houſe. Being got up one Pair of Stairs, the ſaid Man carried the Deponent into a Room where a Woman was ſitting, and asked him to ſit down, and went out, ſaying he would wait upon him in a Minute, and accordingly ſoon returned, having in his Hand a Plate, and on it three Glaſſes of Liquor, of which he gave one to the ſaid Woman, took another himſelf, and offered the third upon the Plate to the Deponent, who would have excuſed himſelf from drinking it, but the ſaid Man told the Deponent, he hoped he would not affront him, or Words to that Effect. Then the Deponent took the ſaid Glaſs, but finding the Liquor very ſtrong and ill taſted, he drank but very little of it. Then they talked of the Caſe; the ſaid Man told the Deponent, that the ſaid Woman had the Foul Diſeaſe, and upon Examination the Deponent declared himſelf to be of that Opinion, but the ſaid Woman denied it; upon which the Deponent replied, he had no more to ſay, or ſomething to that Purpoſe, and the ſaid Man gave the Deponent a Fee, and then the Deponent came home. The Depo-

nent further ſays, that when he came in, Mr. *Martin*'s Wife, with whom he lodges obſerved that he looked pale, and asked if he had been fighting, or had been robbed? And to ſatisfy her it was no ſo, he ſhewed her his Watch and his Purſe: She inſiſted that he looked like Death, that his Noſtrils were pinched and ſoon after the Deponent began to find himſelf giddy, and ſhivering with Cold and deſired his Bed might be warmed, for he found himſelf ill, as ſhe ſaid: That he has ever ſince continued very ill, and by what he is able to judge himſelf, by the Symptoms he has felt, as well as by the Opinion of ſeveral eminent Phyſicians who have viſited him, he muſt have taken ſome very ſtrong Poiſon; and he can account for no other Manner or Occaſion of his doing it, than in the Glaſs of Liquor preſented to him as is above related.

Jurat. 9. *Die Febr.*
1724-5. *coram me*
Ch. Delafaye.

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WHO ſays, that for a Twelve-month before the Accident, which happened to him on *Saturday* the Sixth of this Inſtant *February*, as ſet forth in his Depoſition made on the 9th Inſtant, he had not taken any Mercurial Medicine whatſoever, nor any other Medicine of any kind, except Aſs's Milk, Teſtaceous Powders and Febrifuge Juleps, neither doth this Deponent know that he had any Neceſſity or Occaſion for taking any Mercurial Medicine, or any other Medicine whatſoever,

except thoſe above-mentioned; this Deponent having been for ſome time before the above-mentioned Accident in perfect good Health, unleſs that the great Fatigue in his Calling and Profeſſion occaſioned ſome times feveriſh Diſorders. This Deponent further ſaith, that to the beſt of his Knowledge and Remembrance, he never took any Mercurial Medicine or Preparation of any kind whatſoever for above theſe eight Years laſt paſt.

Jurat 20 *die Feb.*
1724. *coram me*
Geo. Tilſon.

N. St. Andre.

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THE Reaſon that obliges me to publiſh my Caſe, is, that while that Account was drawing up, which was inſerted in the *Gazette* of *Tueſday* the 23d of *February*, I was ſo very ill, that I could not ſatisfy the Phyſicians, who had the Goodneſs to attend me, as to ſeveral Particulars, which are as follow:

1ſt Day of the Diſeaſe.

Saturday the 6th of *February*, about eight in the Evening, I felt the firſt Effects of the Poiſon (I had taken a little before) which were a giddineſs and uncommon Coldneſs, with Hiccoughs, Pains, and Contractions in the Region of the Stomach, followed with a preſſing Inclination to Vomit, and not ſuſpecting the true Cauſe, going to Bed, I was induced to take a *Julep*, compoſed of a *Scruple* of *Spirit* of *Lavendar*, four *Drachms* of *Syrup* of white *Poppies*, with two *Ounces* of *Barley Cinnamon* Water. The Inclination to Vomit growing more ſtrong, I ſoon threw up the *Julep*, with a great Quantity of black and greeniſh Matter, and perceiv'd a deteſtable Taſte of Copper in my Throat and Mouth, with a burning intenſe Heat, which ſoon raiſed three large Bliſters on my Tongue; my Vomit-

Vomiting continued all Night, with the greateſt Violence, and continued without the leaſt Intermiſſion, till two the next Day, being *Sunday* the 7th, inſomuch that at Times it depriv'd me of my Senſes, being frequently ſeiz'd with an univerſal Coldneſs, and violent Contraction of the Muſcles, of the Belly, Thighs, Legs, and Feet.

2d Day. *Sunday* the 7th, my Throat and Tongue became ſo ſwelled and inflamed, that I could not undergo the Efforts of the Stomach in Vomiting, without the greateſt Trouble and Pain; the Giddineſs in my Head increaſed very much, with a violent noiſe in my Ears, and the Taſte and Burning in my Mouth became intolerable; I found the Heat in my Throat and Stomach extending it ſelf in all the Bowels, which by Night were become ſo painful, that I could not bear the leaſt preſſure on them: My Pulſe was very low and the Skin parched and dried.

3d Day. I paſſed the whole Night between the 7th and 8th, in Fainting Fits, and continual Inclination to Vomit, and began *Monday* the 8th, by ſix violent Purgings; immediately after follow'd the Rupture

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and Dilatation of ſeveral of the *Hæmorrhoidall* Veſſels, attended with a *Procidentia*; thoſe Accidents were accompanied with the return of the Vomiting, which laſted from Nine in the Morning till Two of the ſame Day; after which, my Tongue and Throat grew black, more ſwell'd and Painful: I was ſeiz'd with univerſal, acute and burning Pains in every Joint, but more tormenting in the Spine of the Back than in the lower Parts, which began to ſwell from the Belly downwards, eſpecially the *Scrotum*, the Feet only being *Oidematous*. Of a ſudden I was oppreſſed with a great Shortneſs of Breath, which laſted till the Evening, then the Diſtinctneſs of my Sight began to fail me, Objects appeared double and encircled with a deep green Colour; at other Times, they appeared inverted, dark and confuſed. In the Middle of the Night between the 8th and 9th, I voided with the greateſt Torture ſome very dark Urine. I was ſo much exhauſted after it, that I fainted away, and notwithſtanding the Uſe of the ſtrongeſt Volatiles, it was above three Hours before I could be recover'd. From that Time I remained more weak and faint, with univerſal convulſive Tremblings and Spaſms, and a ſtrong Palpitation of the Heart. The moſt cruel

Symptom

Symptom was the great Thirſt, and at the ſame Time the Horrour and Dread I had for the taking of Liquids, equal to what is deſcribed by one under the moſt dreadful Symptoms of an *Hydrophobia*; the Pulſe was hardly to be felt the whole Night, and the Skin became more hard and dry.

4th Day. *Tueſday* the 9th in the Morning, the Pains in my Limbs were more acute and extended, ſo as to occaſion a Sorenes in all my Fleſh, I ſpit tough Phlegm, and my Throat and Mouth were covered with Eſchars and Sloughs, attended with a Stench, as in a *Sphacelus*; however, the dread of taking any Liquid was ſo great, from the Pain I ſuffered on that Account, that I could not be prevailed upon to uſe a Gargariſm, to avert the impending Danger of a total Mortification of thoſe Parts. I paſſed that Night as the laſt, and voided ſome Urine, with the ſame Pain and Accidents as before.

5th Day. *Wedneſday* the 10th, the Heat and Pain of my Bowels and Stomach ſomewhat abated, after two Purgings, which depreſſed me very much; all the other Symptoms remained, the *Nauſea* and Inclinations to Vomit having continued more

more or leſs, from the Beginning. I paſſed the whole Night in the greateſt Anxieties, the Palpitation and convulſive Spaſms remaining ſtrong.

Thurſday the 11th, I found ſome little Abatement in the violence of the predominant Symptoms, but I was ſo very weak and low, that I hardly remember what happened to me, that Day, and the Night following, neither can I give any Account of the Tranſactions of the *Friday*, *Saturday*, and *Sunday* following, having been all that Time ſo weak, delirious, and low, that I could not attend to any Circumſtances which then happened. 6th Day. 7th, 8th, 9th Days.

Monday the 15th, I diſcharged ſome Blood at the Mouth and Noſe, but was not altogether ſo low nor weak. 10th Day.

Tueſday the 16th, I was ſeized with racking Pains in the Bowels, which brought on a great Tenſion of the Belly, and a ſtronger return of the difficulty of Breathing. In the Night I had two Evacuations (green and porraceous, as were all the former) which left me in the loweſt State that human Nature can be ſuppoſed to ſurvive. 11th Day.

12th Day. What I remember of the next Day the 17th, is, that the Sloughs of my Throat, Tongue, and Cheeks, began to looſe in my Mouth, ſome of them having ſeparated with a conſiderable Hemorrhage; it was impoſſible for me either to ſwallow or diſcharge my Spittle, ſo that I was in perpetual Danger of being ſuffocated; which was not a little augmented, by the preſſing Inſtances that ſome of the Phyſicians made, for me to keep a Gold Ring in my Mouth.

13th Day. *Thurſday* the 18th, the Sloughs continu'd to ſeparate, and the whole Coat of the Tongue came of, with ſome Loſs of Blood, but the burning pain of the Parts was ſomewhat abated, and I ſpit more freely, but inſtead thereof there was a great Soreneſs and Rawneſs of thoſe Parts, from which the Sloughs had ſeparated. I ſlept ſo, for two Hours, which was the firſt Moment I ſhut my Eyes to reſt ſince the Accident.

14th Day. *Friday* the 19th, the Ulcers began to clean, the Sloughs ſtill ſeparating from all the parts of the Mouth and Throat; the pain in ſwallowing was ſomewhat abated, although I could not take, in the Space of 24 Hours, the Quantity of half a

Pint

Pint of the thineſt Broths: From this Time the Symptoms began viſibly to abate, and the Ulcers to incarn, and fill up; the ſpitting decreaſing; the Nights ſtill were bad; the Fever conſiderable, with Remiſſions; but the Convulſive Spaſms and Contractions not ſo violent, the Diſeaſe having been from this Time upon its decline. I ſhall not lengthen this Narrative, only obſerving, that I have not yet been able to ſwallow any ſolid Food, not even Jellies, remaining with the greateſt Weakneſs, and in great Meaſure with the Loſs of the Uſe of my Legs, which I hope, by the Aſſiſtance of God, by Degrees to recover.

To the beſt of my remembrance the Facts happen'd as above related; but I am aſſiſted in fixing the Days by thoſe who conſtantly were about me, being very deficient in that Point: No doubt ſeveral material Circumſtances may be here omitted, which could not but eſcape my Notice; and imperfect as this Account may be, my Weakneſs is ſtill ſo great, it is all I am now able to bring into this Form; neither will it, I hope, be expected I can ſtrictly determine the Duration, Violence, and Dependance of the ſeveral Symptoms, as if I had been the Obſerver only; the

moſt I can recollect, is, that the Vomiting continu'd by Intervals from the firſt Day of the Diſeaſe to the third Day, and the Nauſeas and Reachings to the 6th Day.

The Thirſt began with the Diſeaſe, and did not abate till the 13th Day.

The 2d Day the Skin became parch'd and dry, and continu'd ſo to the 13th Day of the Diſeaſe; during all that Time not having had the leaſt Marks of Perſpiration or Diſpoſition to ſweat.

The Third Day brought on theſe Symptoms.

The Fever, which increaſed to the 9th Day, with irregular Paroxiſms the whole Time, there being ſome returns of it till the 20th.

The Shortneſs of Breath, which by Intervals continued to the 12th or 13th Day.

The Accidents of Urine, which did not abate till the 7th, it being the 15th Day before they entirely ceaſed.

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The Palpitation of the Heart, and Convulsive Spasms, the first continued only during the Paroxisms of the Fever, *viz.* to the 9th Day of the Disease, the latter held, without Intermission, till the 14th Day of the Disease, and did not entirely cease till a few Days ago.

The Swellings, which were quite dispersed by the 7th Day.

The Disorder of Sight, which lasted till the 9th Day.

The burning Pains in the Joints, which were felt till the 15th Day.

The fourth Day, the Spitting began, and continued till the 6th, then ceased, and returned by Fits, being most considerable after the falling of the Sloughs, which began the 12th Day of the Disease.

I can give no Account of the Changes of the Pulse, any more than what is said above; in my lucid Hours. I often attempted to feel it, but could not enumerate above five or six Pulsations, being incapable to fix my Attention any longer.

It would be very impardonable in me, ſhould I not in this Paper, with the utmoſt Duty and Veneration, expreſs my moſt humble and ſubmiſſive Thanks to his *Majeſty*, for the extraordinary Marks of Goodneſs and Favour, which he hath been graciouſly pleaſed to ſhew me under my Affliction; and muſt here alſo return my Thanks to His *Majeſty's* Miniſters, and all thoſe of the *Nobility* and *Gentry*, who have given me many Inſtances of their Protection and Aſſiſtance upon this Occaſion, for which I ſhall ever have the greateſt Senſe of *Gratitude*, the affectionate Concern of my Friends for my Misfortune, and the Pains which they have been at to juſtify me from the Aſperſions of ſuch unhappy Men, as may delight in the Aggravation of the Sufferings of the afflicted, will never be erazed from my Memory: But I muſt always, and in a particular Manner acknowledge the Obligations I have to Dr. *Steigertahl*, Dr. *Cockburn*, Dr. *Teiſſier*, Sir *Hans Sloan* and *Richard Manningham* for the kind Aſſiſtance I have received from them, and for the Pains they have been at to extricate me from the greateſt Torments and Injuries, that can perhaps be ſuffered by human Nature: And as I think theſe Injuries could be of little Service or Satisfaction

faction to thoſe who thought fit to inflict them on me, their Folly ſeems to deſerve rather the Pity than the Reſentment of my Friends; as to my own Part, I do forgive them from the Bottom of my Soul; and I do ſincerely wiſh, that it may never be their hard Fate to fall into the Hands of ſuch wicked Men as know not Mercy.

Northumberland-Court,
March the 1ſt.

N. St. Andre.

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